

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified patent application is hereby respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 1-9 have been renumbered and their numeric order and dependency have been amended to maintain consistency with that of the Preliminary Amendment which was filed with the instant Divisional Application. Similarly, original claims 1-15 have been canceled consistent with the Preliminary Amendment. Accordingly, all remaining claims 1-9 are indicated as being currently amended. Claim 5 has also been amended to correct one error in antecedent basis. Claims 1-9 remain in the case.

It is believed that the instant renumbering of the claims and a corresponding relocation that is consistent with that of the Preliminary Amendment provides additional ease for the Examiner and thereby facilitates examination.

A petition and Fee for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and payment thereof for an appropriate extension are attached hereto.

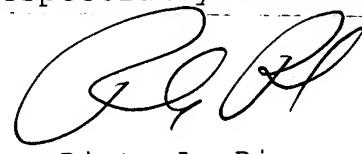
Claims 1-19 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-18 of Patent 6,651,944. As there are only nine (9) remaining claims, it is believed that a typographical error occurred. It is also noted that the Detailed Action includes a typographical error in the serial number, as the last three digits should be "241", not "124".

A signed terminal disclaimer (in triplicate) and fee (small entity) are attached hereto. Accordingly the Double Patenting Rejection is believed to be overcome and reconsideration is respectfully requested of remaining claims 1-9.

As no other basis of rejection was cited, and as all remaining claims 1-9 appear to be in condition of allowance, reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested, and a notice of allowance is courteously urged at the earliest time.

The applicant appreciates the opportunity to communicate by telephone with the Examiner, if necessary. Please continue to direct all correspondence to the correspondence address and telephone as shown below.

Respectfully submitted,



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